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Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action of 04/29/05, please amend the present application as indicated below under "Amendments to the Claims":

There are now 4 independent claims. Please charge the fee of \$ 100.00 (Small Entity) for the fourth independent claim to deposit account 500465.